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EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any new employment guarantee scheme for the unemployed youth of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is not satisfied with the present schemes to remove unemployment in the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): The Government is not contemplating to formulate any new employment guarantee scheme for the unemployed youth of the country. However, the coverage of the existing National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme will be expanded from the current level of 200 hundred districts to 330 districts in the second phase in 2007.

(c) to (e): As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) on employment and unemployment, employment opportunities to the tune of 45.46 million have been generated in the country during 1999-2000 to 2004-05. The Approach Paper to the 11th Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million new work opportunities.